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## Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1.-13. (Cancelled)

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A vehicle seat comprising:

a backrest <u>having a backrest extension extending upwardly</u> therefrom;

a <u>vertically adjustable</u> headrest which has a head cushion <u>adjacent</u>

the backrest extension and vertically separated from the backrest to define an

intermediate space therebetween; and

a warming device for warming the nape and head area of a seat occupant with warm air; wherein,

the warming device comprises an electric heating unit and an air vent which is arranged in an the intermediate space between the backrest and head cushion and has a housing with an air inlet opening and an air outlet opening formed therein at the intermediate space, which air opening points toward the nape and head area of the seat occupant, and an air outlet opening lying opposite said air inlet opening; and

the electric heating unit is integrated in the air vent.

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Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the electric heating unit is arranged between the air inlet opening and air outlet opening, and has at least one electric heating coil or a PCT heating element.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein a blower is integrated into the air vent.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the blower is arranged between the air inlet opening and air outlet opening on one side of the electric heating unit.

Claim 18. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:

the head cushion is attached to a supporting bracket which sticks into the backrest; and

the air vent is arranged on the supporting bracket.

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Claim 19. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the air vent is secured to the head cushion with attachment means.

Claim 20. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the attachment means comprise at least one of rubber bands and touchand-close fasteners.

Claim 21. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 18, wherein:

the air vent has a panel which covers the remaining intermediate space between the backrest and head cushion; and

the air vent engages over the rear of the backrest and head cushion.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein:

the backrest has a backrest extension which extends upwards behind the rear side of the head cushion of the headrest; and the air vent is arranged in the backrest extension.

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Claim 23. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the backrest is arranged directly in front of a rear wall which bounds a passenger compartment;

the headrest is secured to the rear wall; and
the air vent is inserted into a cutout which is provided in the rear
wall above the backrest.

Claim 24. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the air vent is pivotable about at least one of vertical and horizontal pivot axes.

Claim 25. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the housing of the air vent is of spherical design and is held in a rotatable fashion between two spatially secured spherical shells.

Claim 26. (Withdrawn) The vehicle seat as claimed in Claim 25, wherein the spherical shells are attached to one of the supporting bracket of the headrest, the backrest extension, and the rear wall of the passenger compartment.